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COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS  
HAVING COMPONENT SUPPLY TABLES  
PROVIDED ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF A  
COMPONENT TRANSFER PATH (As Amended)

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3729**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 3, 2001, the period for response having been extended for two months by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 15 and 18 as follows (a clean set of all pending claims is presented for the Examiner's convenience):

15. (Twice Amended) A component mounting apparatus comprising:  
(a pair of component supply tables) for accommodating (a plurality of components, said component supply tables being arranged on opposite sides of a board mounting position), said component supply tables being supported on (casters) so as to be